

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by president Beyer at 7:00 pm in the High School Alumni Room. Present were Trustees Genovesi, Glassman, Pombar, Sharkey, Vollmer and Webb. Also present were Dr. Melnick, Mr. Chlebicki and Ms. Buatsi.

Executive Session

At 7:00 pm on motion of president Beyer and seconded by Trustee Vollmer and all in favor, the Board moved to go into Executive Session in the high school faculty room for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and the employment history of a particular person or persons.

At 8:00 pm on motion of Trustee Glassman and seconded by Trustee Pombar and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting in the Alumni Room. There were 4 people in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Beyer led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported on the successful opening of the Power School parent portal for parents of 9th graders; all students in grades 6-12 will be included for next year. He reported on the first budget information gathering which was very positive and that a follow-up parent meeting will be held on March 17 to discuss planned changes in grades 8 and 9. Finally he reported on a meeting with County Executive Suozzi in regard to centralizing our business functions.

Report of the SGO Representative and Comments from the Public

SGO Representative, Alex Romano reported on the upcoming high school production of *Our Town* on March 14 and 15. He reported that the newest edition of the *Viking View* has been printed and for those interested, it is not too late to sign up for Relay for Life.

There were no comments from the public.

Budget Review

The Board reviewed the budget for the last time. A survey of students revealed too little interest in the proposed swim program to warrant the cost of the program and the amount was therefore removed from the budget at an additional reduction of \$45,661. An additional \$27,000 was also reduced from the line of teachers salaries due to pending retirements. This brings the grand total of items removed to \$2,892,636. Dr. Melnick then gave a brief overview of the contingency scenario. If the District is forced to go on a contingency budget, it will mean the reduction of 2.2 FTE teaching positions and the elimination of new Smart Boards. The budget now stands at \$80,933,385.70, or a 4.949% increase over the 2007-08 budget and will be adopted at the next Board meeting scheduled for March 27.

Study of Faculty Perceptions

Dr. Melnick gave an overview of the faculty perception survey taken by faculty during a meeting in December. He provided the results to the Board in a written report prior to the meeting. The Board was pleased with the way in which the survey was presented to faculty and

with the response rate and results. They thanked Dr. Melnick for providing an opportunity for members of the faculty to share their views anonymously.

Table Top Emergency Exercise

John Hall, Director of Facilities, gave an overview of the recent table top emergency exercises throughout the district. The Board had a brief discussion about specifics of the drill and the plan for future drills.

Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund

The Board discussed establishing a capital reserve fund for the purpose of doing extensive ceiling replacements in areas in each of the buildings at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000. The work needs to be completed within the next five years according to the buildings condition survey. Since the scope of this work requires it be considered a capital project, Dr. Melnick recommended establishing a Capital Reserve Fund and funding it from the repair reserve fund. Dr. Melnick explained that the proposition would need to be presented to voters this May with a second proposition authorizing the actual spending of the money next May. The Board discussed other projects that could possibly be included in the reserve fund. There was consensus to move forward with the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund and the scope and amount will be decided at the next meeting of March 27.

Preliminary request of Athletic Booster Club (NSABC) for the Board to accept the Donation of a Fence for the Baseball Field

The Board gave their approval for the Athletic Booster Club to fundraise for the donation of a fence for the baseball field.

Committee and Conference Reports

There were no reports.

Regular Business

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items G-K.

On motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Resignation - Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Norma DeLara, General Science, effective June 30, 2008

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Kristen Pierson, Elementary, effective June 30, 2008

Part-time Appointments - Certified

Resolved: To approve a part-time change of status for Kimberly Cuneen, Elementary, from a full time child rearing leave to a part-time (.725) child rearing leave and a part-time (.275) appointment to provide AIS to 3rd, 4th & 5th graders at Glenwood Landing, effective January 25, 2008 through June 30, 2008

Resolved: To approve a change of status for Milena Scalzo, Elementary, from a full time child rearing leave to a part-time (.725) child rearing leave and a part-time (.275) appointment to provide AIS to 3rd, 4th & 5th graders at Glenwood Landing, effective January 25, 2008 through June 30, 2008

Appointments - Non Certified

Resolved: To approve an appointment for Alyssa Biel, Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing, effective February 25, 2008, replaces Julia Soare (resigned)

Resolved: To approve an appointment for Patricia Borchick Vitucci, Teacher Aide, High School, effective February 25, 2008, replaces Laura Caldari (resigned)

Resolved: To approve an appointment for Lynn Kuzyk, Teacher Aide, Glen Head, effective February 26, 2008, replaces Giovanna Failla (resigned)

Resolved: To approve an appointment for Marilyn Ricciardi, School Monitor, Middle School effective March 3, 2008, replaces Marianne Trubish (resigned)

Resolved: To approve a probationary appointment for Linda Waring, Stenographer, Sea Cliff School, on Step 11 of the Stenographer salary schedule, effective March 3, 2008, replaces Lorraine Sorce (resigned)

Resolved: To approve an appointment for Nathalie Woods, School Monitor, Glen Head, effective March 3, 2008, replaces Patricia Vitucci (assumed another position)

Approval of Addition to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To approve of the addition of the following names to the per diem substitute list:

John Christ Elementary
Silvana Melfi Food Service

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Coach

Resolved: To approve the addition of the following extra curricular activity coach:

High School

Men's Spring Track

Varsity Assistant Coach Thomas Avinash

Approval of Change Order

Resolved: To approve change order Fuel #2, from American Environmental Assessment Corp., for further cleanup and removal of contaminated soil found adjacent to the fuel oil depot and required by NYSDEC in the amount of \$136,240.90 (additional)

Approval to Dispose of Obsolete Equipment

Resolved: To declare as obsolete and approve of the disposal of a bookcase in the middle school library

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$15,360, effective March 6, 2008

Approval of Health Services

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with South Huntington Union Free School District for 12 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending St. Anthony's High School for the 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$719.50 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Old Business

Trustee Pombar asked if the discussion of reducing the amount of paper used for Board packets can be added to a future agenda. It was decided to add it to the March 27th agenda.

New Business

Dr. Melnick asked Trustees to sign up for budget information coffees.

Trustee Glassman asked if the Board of Education meeting scheduled for May 22 can be moved as it is the same night as the senior prom and two Trustees have seniors. The May 22 meeting is an optional meeting to be held only if the budget fails.

Trustee Vollmer announced that he will not be seeking re-election to the Board of Education. He thanked the current Board for the six years he has served as Trustee.

Adjournment

At 10:10 pm on motion of Trustee Sharkey and seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk